SENATE BILL 890 By McNally

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 53, Chapter 10, Part 3 and Title 67, Chapter 4, Part 17, relative to legend drugs.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 53-10-303(a), is amended in subdivision (4) by deleting the introductory language of the first sentence thereof and by substituting instead the following:

Each of the following health care professional licensure boards or committees shall submit three (3) names to the governor who shall select (1) member from each board or committee:

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 53, Chapter 10, Part 3, is amended by adding a new section thereto, as follows:

Section 53-10-310. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, any pharmacist licensed pursuant to title 63, chapter 10, may choose to pay the equivalent amount of the privilege tax imposed by title 67, chapter 4, part 17, for the administration of this part. Any pharmacist who chooses to pay such equivalent amount by June 1 of each year shall be exempt from any fees imposed by the board upon pharmacists for the administration of this part. Records of such payments to the board shall be maintained for three (3) years and furnished to the department of revenue upon request. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any pharmacist who presents to the Tennessee board of pharmacy a certified affidavit attesting to such person's inactive status in the practice of such profession.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 67, Chapter 4, Part 17, is amended by adding a new section thereto, as follows:

Section 67-4-1711. A pharmacist who chooses to pay by June 1 of each year an equivalent amount imposed by this part for the support of the substance abuse database shall be exempt from the provisions of this part for such year.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005, the public welfare requiring it.

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